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SUBJECT: WILLIAM THOMAS CASE

REF: TRIPOLI 1399

1. DURING MEETING DECEMBER 17 WITH MFA DIRECTOR SHAABAN TO SAY GOODBYE AND TO INTRODUCE ROBERT CARLE, I SAID I HAD HOPED THAT WILLIAM THOMAS WOULD HAVE LEFT LIBYA BEFORE I DID. WE WERE PLEASED THAT HE WAS SET FREE, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED UNTIL AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE ASSURED US HE COULD DEPART FROM LIBYA.

2. SHAABAN ASSURED US THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS ACTIVE IN THE CASE AND ADDED THAT HE KNEW THINGS HAD MOVED ALONG IN PAST FEW DAYS. HE CONFIRMED OUR THOUGHT THAT THOMAS WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON BECAUSE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERVENTION (TRIPOLI 1330 AND 1363).

3. HE SAID, AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, THAT SINCE THERE IS A LEGAL PROCEEDING, MFA CANNOT ANTICIPATE RESULT. HE COULD ASSURE US, HOWEVER, THAT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING THOMAS WOULD BE FAIR AND JUST. SHAABAN ASLO SAID HE WAS AWARE OF MY SUGGESTION THAT THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDER RECOMPENSING THOMAS FOR THE MONTHS HE HAS BEEN HELD (TRIPOLI 1377). HE POINTED
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OUT THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO BE KEPT PENDING

UNTIL A DECISION WAS MADE IN THE CASE. WE EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT THOMAS WOULD BE ABLE TO JOIN HIS FAMILY FOR
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.
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